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SOROPTINEWS—SI MIDDLETOWN

JANUARY 2016

PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Happy 2016 Soroptimist! We began December with a wonderful Christmas party at Sue and Rick's home. It was wonderful! Thank you both for the good time. It started the social season off in a most excellent manner.

We have many happenings in the forthcoming months. January 15 is the deadline for the Virginia Wagner Award. There is a need for persons to run for District II Director and Regional Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions, let Barb or me know. We will be registering soon for Spring Conference. Please consider attending the weekend of April 22, 23, 24. We will be electing a new Governor-elect and installing Vivian as Governor. It will be a great adventure. We have our awards night at our April 14th meeting.

If you would like to run for an office in the Middletown Club, please talk to one of the current officers or the nominating committee when it is appointed. Please consider serving as an officer.

Elaine will be putting our Dream It Be It program together in the next month or two. This will be a time commitment for many of our members. Be prepared to step forward and support this new program. It will be interesting.

See you, your Soroptimist pin, and your name badge at the January 14th meeting.

President Pam





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Kelley Spaulding is the wife of Mark and mother of two girls, Kimber 9 and Kennedy 7. Kelley worked as a dental hygienist for 12 years and recently joined her husband and his parents, Ron and Judy Spaulding, in their family funeral home. Kelley enjoys cruises, quilting, and spending time with her family. We welcome Kelley to our club!

New/returning member Frances will be in the spotlight next month.

CALENDAR

Jan. 7—Board Meeting rescheduled
 Jan. 14—Business Meeting
 Jan. 15—Virginia Wagner applications due to club
 Feb. 15—Virginia Wagner club winner due to District Director.
 March 8—International Women's Day
 March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vicky
 April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, MI
 July 20-23, 2016—44th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Jan. 6—Betty Huck

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Dee Markle and Beth Miller both joined our club in January 1998

SUNSHINE

Elaine retired from the Middletown Community Foundation at the end of the year. Congratulations on a job well done!

MEMORIES

If you have some favorite memories of your time in the club (especially members who have been in the club for many years), please write them down and give them to Barb. They will be shared in the next newsletter or will be used as SOLT (Soptimist Orientation and Leadership Training) moments.

PROGRAM

If you know an interesting speaker we could ask to present a program during one of our meeting months, please give Beth the contact information.

PINS

Remember to wear your pin and nametag to the meetings. Otherwise, feed the piggy bank.

COLLECTIONS

Remember to collect little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, and soaps as you travel. We'll collect them at our business meetings and take them to the homeless shelter

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

Do you know someone who might be a candidate for our awards or scholarship? The Live Your Dream Award deadline has passed, but the Virginia Wagner deadline is January 15, and our Miami University scholarship deadline is March 1. Both of these are for female college students. Applications can be found on our website. Please help spread the word.

SHEROBOX

For those of you who are interested in the products we saw at our Christmas party, the website is www.sherobox.com

If you want to talk with one of the women personally, contact Melissa Wine at 937-241-4062 or melissa.wine@sherobox.com.

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MONTHLY RAFFLE

Jan. Ingrid
Feb. Pat
Mar. Elaine
Apr. Sue

MONTHLY INSPIRATION

Jan. Ingrid
Feb.
Mar. Mary
Apr. Magda



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FEBRUARY 2016

PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Dear Soroptimists,

We have very interesting events happening in the next five months. Awards banquet, election of officers, Spring Conference, installation of officers, and the Convention. Some of these are addressed elsewhere in our Soroptinews this month.

If you have never attended a conference think about the one this spring in Ann Arbor, Michigan. It is April 22-24. It will be the election of our regional officers. Each club gets up to three votes. There are always a lot of non-voting members present. It is a time to increase your understanding of our club and why we do what we do. Barb will be running for District II Director. So far she is running unopposed. She will be very busy. She is required to attend a meeting of every club in the biennium.

The convention is in Orlando, Florida this biennium. The date is July 20-23, 2016! Once again it broadens your Soroptimist horizon. We have one vote at this meeting. If someone from the club cannot attend, we lose our vote.

The board will be working on the governor's report due March 31. It summarizes our club's activities from July 1, 2015 until March 31, 2016. I will be getting information from you and may

ask you to write up an activity completed by our club.

We elect officers in May. The slate of officers is proposed by a representative chosen by the president, a representative of the board, and a representative appointed by the club. They present the slate of officers; additional nominations may be made from the floor. If you would like to hold an office, please let a member of the board know. We will be sure to tell the nominating committee.

Remember to see other women as potential members. Do not make their decision for them and not ask them if they are interested. Instead tell them about the good we do.

The Dream It, Be It committee has been working and has a plan that they will present during committee reports on February 11.

President Pam





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Our spotlight this month is on new/returning member Frances Neu. She was born Feb. 13 in Middletown, Ohio. She was educated at Monroe Elementary and Monroe High School graduating in 1963 and earned her Bachelor's in Nursing at Miami University and Master's in Nursing at Wright State University. Frances worked for Dr. Joseph Peil for 13 years, Middletown Hospital, and Nursing Education for many years, retiring in 2015. Hobbies include reading, golf, and working outdoors. Frances has one daughter, Renee, and two grandchildren—Scott, a senior at University of Cincinnati and Victoria, a senior at Monroe High School. She remains involved in community activities including Hospice of Middletown Board and many nursing organizations.

We welcome Frances back to our club!

CALENDAR

February is Heart Month

Feb. 4—Board Meeting 7:00 p.m.

2nd floor card room at Mt. Pleasant

Feb. 11—Business Meeting

Feb. 14—Valentine's Day

Feb. 15—Virginia Wagner club winner due to District Director.

Mar. 1—deadline for our Miami regional campus scholarship

March 3—Board Meeting

March 8—International Women's Day

March 10—Business Meeting

March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vicky

April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, MI

June 18—brunch for survivors at American Cancer Society Relay for Life

July 20-23, 2016—44th Biennial Convention in Orlando, Florida

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Feb. 13—Frances Neu

FEBRUARY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Betty Huck and Judi Kuntz both joined our club in February. Betty joined in 1988 and Judi in 2011.

PROGRAM

The March program will be prosecutor Mike Gmoser who will be speaking on scams. Our April program will be our Awards Night. This is a good night to invite prospective members and the judges so they can see first-hand the results of our efforts. We'll have some exciting news to share!

DREAM IT, BE IT

The committee held a very productive meeting, and we are excited to begin this project. You'll hear an update at our next meeting. We hope more of you will plan to roll up your sleeves and get involved.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

Do you know someone who might be a candidate for our scholarship? Our Miami University regional campus scholarship application deadline is March 1. It is a \$1500 scholarship for a full-time female college student who is age 25 or under and is a freshman, sophomore, or junior. She should have a 3.0 or higher GPA, the potential for advancement, and financial need. Applications can be found on our website. Please help spread the word.

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COLLECTIONS

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Along with this newsletter I'm attaching a PDF file about a project the region board has voted to support. Those who attend Spring Conference will have a hands-on project assembling what we collect. Feel free to bring your contributions to our February, March, and April meetings so we can take them to Spring Conference. Thank you!

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MARCH 2016

PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Today it looks and feels like spring! Who knows what the weather will be like when you receive this Soroptinews! The little snippets of Spring have been greatly appreciated by me.

We need to know if you are going to Spring Conference on April 22-24. I have booked a reservation for my Scottie Hamish and Radley Patrick. We have reserved two rooms for that time. It is not too late to book additional rooms at the conference rate. This will be a voting conference. We have three votes and want to be able to use those votes. The Conference is being held in Ann Arbor, and according to Mapquest, it is about 3 hrs and 45 minutes drive--not as far as last year. Please think about it and give it careful consideration. It is a fine educational experience.

At the meeting on March 10, we will be appointing members to the nominating committee. One represents the club membership, one represents the board, and the third is appointed by the president. If the committee contacts you as a prospective officer, please give it your attention and consideration. If you would like to serve as an officer for the '16-'17 club year, please let a current officer know.

In this newsletter you will find a member survey. We need to have it filled out and brought to the next meeting. If you cannot attend the March meeting or are afraid you might forget it on March 10, please send me your copy at plinzie@cinci.rr.com. I will print it off and submit it with the others. (These are used for a category in the Governor's Award Form).

See you March 10,

President Pam



CALENDAR

Mar. 1—deadline for our Miami regional campus scholarship
March 3—Board Meeting—second floor card room at Mt. Pleasant
March 8—International Women's Day
March 10—Business Meeting
March 17—St. Patrick's Day
March 21—hotel reservation deadline for Spring Conference
March 31—Governor's Club Award form due to Governor Vicky
April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann Arbor, MI
June 18—brunch for survivors at American Cancer Society Relay for Life
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MARCH BIRTHDAYS

2—Beth Miller
11—Pam Linzie
13—Mary Maurer
13—Ingrid Standafer

MARCH CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Pat Lewis joined our club in March 1979. Magda Rinder joined our club in March 2015.

PROGRAM

The March program will be presented by Prosecutor Mike Gmoser and Susan Monnin from his office. The program will be on scams. Our April program will be our Awards Night. This will be a

good night to invite prospective members and the award judges so they can see first-hand the results of our efforts.

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

Our local Live Your Dream award winner also won at the District level, so she will get \$1000 from our club and \$3000 from the District. She will be invited to attend Spring Conference in Ann Arbor where she will be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

PINS

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COLLECTIONS

Midwestern Region is supporting a project named Days for Girls. Those who attend Spring Conference will have a hands-on project assembling what we collect.

Participate by bringing the following items:

- Girls Cotton Panties Size 10 - 14 and Women's Size 5 panties.
- Gallon-sized Ziplock Freezer Baggies (this brand is durable).
- Hotel-sized soap bars
- Colorful cotton fabric (floral and geometric designs are best)
- Washcloths

To learn more about Days for Girls International, please visit <http://www.daysforgirls.org/>.

Feel free to bring your contributions to our March and April meetings so we can take them to Spring Conference. Thank you!

A MESSAGE FROM GOV. VICKY

Ladies – the 2016-2017 SIA President Elect videos are on the Soroptimist.org page under “Federation” info.

Bev Bucur is running as well as Dona Gaddis Wolf; Dawn Marie Lemonds; Sue Riney; Wanda Price, Yoko Ichigatani and Tina Wei-Kang Pan. All very qualified women.

Please make sure in your travels that you mention this important election to clubs and members and to make sure they return their ballot in time.

Vicky
Click on www.soroptimist.org and go to the Members Only section. At the bottom of the blue section, click on Federation Information. At the bottom of that section, look under Nominations and Elections. If you forgot your user name and password, those were given to you last month when you received your new membership directory. If you were not present in February, you will receive your new directory at the March meeting.

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Mar. Elaine

Apr. Sue

MONTHLY INSPIRATION

Mar. Mary

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APRIL 2016

PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Greeting Soroptimists!

We have spring with snow! The weather is mixed up, as is usual in Ohio. Reds begin on Monday. That is a sure sign of spring. Another sure sign of spring is our Awards night! I hope you are able to attend. Dee and Jo are working very hard to make it a memorable evening for all. Remember to come to the Activity Center rather than the Community Room. It will be fun to meet our award winners.

The nomination committee is made up of Judy, Elaine and Ginger. If you want to serve in an office be sure to let them know. They will be meeting Monday, the 4th of April at Judy's house.

There are four of us attending the Conference in Ann Arbor, Beth, Betty, Barb and myself. We are looking forward to representing the club April 21-23. Judi Kunz will be bringing our Live Your Dream winner to the Saturday luncheon. She was the District winner and will receive \$1000. from us and \$3000. from the District. Pretty nice for her. Makes our club feel proud to have helped her.

On the membership surveys our members have shown an interest in more diversity, more membership retention, and more Soroptimist education. Sue has offered her farm for

a summer membership meeting. Be thinking now of the areas we need to improve. Think of people you know who could make a positive difference in our club. This needs to be an event that all members support. Several ideas have been expressed. One was an all chocolate evening. Put on your thinking caps.

There will be a Board Meeting this month on Thursday, April 7. We will meet at seven in the upstairs card room in Mt. Pleasant apartments. Remember to bring yourself a drink and/or snack if you want. We will be finalizing the budget. That tends to be a long meeting, so we will be sticking to items on the agenda. Barb will be there to represent the Ways and Means committee.

President Pam



CALENDAR

April 7—7:00 p.m. Board Meeting—
second floor card room at Mt.
Pleasant

April 14—Awards Night
Mt. Pleasant Activity Room
Come at 6:00 to socialize.

April 18—tax deadline

April 22-24—Spring Conference in Ann
Arbor, MI

June 18—9:15 a.m. breakfast for
survivors at American Cancer
Society Relay for Life

July 20-23, 2016—44th Biennial
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APRIL PROGRAM

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AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIP

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winner, Cassonia Brunson, also won at
the District level, so she will get \$1000
from our club and \$3000 from the
District. She plans to attend Spring
Conference in Ann Arbor where she will
be recognized at the Awards Luncheon.

Our Miami scholarship winner, Megan

Knight, will not be able to attend our
Awards Night because of a class
conflict. Our Virginia Wagner Award
winner is Kelly Robinson. She plans to
attend.

SERVICE PROJECT

Hope you've already circled Saturday,
June 18th on your calendar. That's
RELAY For LIFE day ---- noon to
midnight at Berachah Church (Old Verity
Middle School). You're all invited! We'll
offer our "service" at the
Survivor/Caregiver breakfast reception,
held at 9:15 a.m. that morning, at
Monroe Methodist Church. I've been in
touch with Darian Cappel, breakfast
chair, and she's trying to finalize food for
the event. They may need us to come
early to help set up ----breakfast will be
served buffet style, so we will be pouring
coffee, tea, etc---- assume they'd
appreciate a hand at the end, to clean
up the kitchen (we've done that before).
Your attire for the morning is your
Sorooptimist shirt, dark slacks, and your
friendly smile!

Thanks!

Dee

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MAY 2016

PRESIDENT PAM'S MESSAGE

Dear Middletown Soroptimists,

Wow, that was a wonderful awards meeting! The winners were truly deserving. I hope in the future we are able to sponsor more awards. I heard from our 2015 Live Your Dream award winner. She congratulated Cassonia. As an update on her, she also just completed her degree and has a new job starting 5/2/16. Hoorah for all women.

Beth, Barb, Betty and I all made it to and from the Midwestern Conference in Ann Arbor. It was a very informative conference and we will share the information with you at the May meeting. It is so energizing to attend a gathering of fellow Soroptimists.

June will bring our installation of new officers. Bev Bahr, our current District Director, will conduct the installation. Our theme will be Nautical. So dress in your finest nautical themed outfit. It will truly be a fun celebration. I promise you that. One filled with surprises. Plan now to attend.

As always be on the lookout for women to share in the Soroptimist Opportunity.

President Pam



SLATE OF OFFICERS

President: Judy Spaulding
Vice-President: Sue Willis
Treasurer: Magda Rinder
Recording Secretary: Gayle Martz
Corresponding Secretary: Beth Miller
2-year Board Member: Pam Linzie
1-year Board Member: Ingrid Standafer

SERVICE PROJECT

Hope you've already circled Saturday, June 18th on your calendar. That's RELAY For LIFE day ---- noon to midnight at Berachah Church (Old Verity Middle School). You're all invited! We'll offer our "service" at the Survivor/Caregiver breakfast reception, held at 9:15 a.m. that morning, at Monroe Methodist Church. I've been in touch with Darian Cappel, breakfast chair, and she's trying to finalize food for the event. They may need us to come early to help set up ----breakfast will be served buffet style, so we will be pouring coffee, tea, etc---- assume they'd appreciate a hand at the end, to clean up the kitchen (we've done that before). Your attire for the morning is your Soroptimist shirt, dark slacks, and your friendly smile!

Thanks!

Dee

CALENDAR

May 5—7:00 p.m. Board Meeting—
second floor card room at Mt.
Pleasant

May 12—6:00 monthly meeting

June 18—9:15 a.m. breakfast for
survivors at American Cancer
Society Relay for Life

July 20-23, 2016—44th Biennial
Convention in Orlando, Florida

October 29—Fall Fundraiser at Brown's
Run Country Club. Fashions by
Kay's Shoppe.

MAY BIRTHDAYS

May 27—Barb Flory

MAY PROGRAM

Pam, Barb, Betty, and Beth will share information they learned at Spring Conference. We will also vote on the slate of officers and the budget.



Here we are in our MemberSHIP nautical gear after the Awards Luncheon. Judi drove Cassonia up for the day so she could receive her \$3000 award for winning at the District level.



President Pam thanked Hospitality Hostesses Dee and Jo with aprons and chefs' hats after our successful Awards Night.

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WEDDING BELLS

Stephanie Shouse will marry Rob Dinsmore on June 11 in Gatlinburg. Rob was Stephanie's first love when she met him in 1991. Best Wishes, Stephanie and Rob!

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Dear Middletown Soroptimists,
It has been my pleasure to serve as your president for the past three years. I have enjoyed it.

Hopefully it has been an effective three years for our club.

Thursday, July 9 will be our installation of officers. Remember to wear nautical themed clothes.

The installation of Judy as president will center around nautical ideas. Present at the meeting will be outgoing District Director Bev Bahr and her friend past Governor Missie Austin. It will be a very nice evening for our new officers and the rest of us.

The membership committee has been busy making plans for our JULY 14, membership meeting. It will be held at Sue and Rick Willis' farm. There will be a picnic theme dinner with an overview of Soroptimist. We will interact with our guests to get their ideas, too. For details, see the article in this Soroptinews.

It is impressive the way our club has come together to help with the survivor brunch. Dee sent out a request and was answered by a great number of our members. Truly a group effort is being put forth! Thank you.

I want to thank all of the officers and committee chairs for their behind the scenes hard work. You have made the

club move forward. Some members have served on the same committee and been chair for three years. I thank you so for the excellent chairing you did. It was helpful to me to have consistency in leadership. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

President Pam

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

As Pam mentioned in her letter, we will gather at the Willis farm on Thursday, July 14 at 6:00 p.m. for a membership event. Governor Vivian will be driving in from Michigan to join us, so we are serious about this event. This is our chance to invite women we want to tell about Soroptimist, and, hopefully, gain some new members. **Invitations will be mailed, so please bring names and addresses to our June meeting.** Include your banker, hairdresser, business owner friends, doctor, lawyer, neighbor, church friend, new neighbor, druggist, etc. It doesn't hurt to ask. Maybe they would be interested and are just waiting for someone to ask them. The prospective agenda will include a mixer and some wine, a picnic, an overview of Soroptimist by Gov. Vivian, and an overview of SI Middletown by some seasoned members. There might

be sharing of some membership moments from the website. We'll have scrapbooks to look through. Gov. Vivian might bring a hands-on project for us to do. We'll involve the guests in a discussion of why they were chosen to be invited and ask their ideas for projects for improving the lives of women and girls in our local area.

Our club needs to grow, and it will take everyone's help. Thank you!

SERVICE PROJECT RELAY Survivor/Caregiver Brunch

Hope you've already circled Saturday, June 18th on your calendar. That's RELAY For LIFE day ---- noon to midnight at Berachah Church (Old Verity Middle School). You're all invited!

Dee has asked us to provide muffins, Danish, fruit, or money to go toward these purchases. Please let Dee know your preferences and if you are available to help that day.

Ladies, thanks again for agreeing to serve the American Cancer Society, RELAY For LIFE Survivor meal. This year, it's brunch (instead of lunch) - --at Monroe Methodist, (206 East Ave. Monroe) on Saturday, June 18th. Guests are invited to arrive at 9 a.m. to sign in, get their t-shirts and have their pictures taken.

Very recently, the event chair quit --- without any arrangements for food--- leaving things in a "bit of a mess".

Thanks to many of you, who, when I asked-----offered to supply "goodies" to feed some very special folks.

We will be serving a Buffet Brunch ----- Danish, muffins, coffee cake and fresh fruit ---- Juice, coffee, tea and paper products will be supplied by the ACS---- centerpieces will be donated.

A second email invite went out to survivors this week. Presently there are 35 survivors planning to attend—if they bring their caregiver, we're looking at 70 guests. Numbers may change between now and June 18th, but I will keep you posted.

On June 18th, put on your Soroptimist shirt (if you don't have one, wear a white top and dark bottom), your name badge and your SMILE----please arrive at Monroe Methodist between 8:15 and 8:30 to be ready to serve fruit, pour juice and coffee. Guests will come through the buffet line.

Thanks so much for agreeing to go "a step further" this year ----by providing the food, in addition to your service. Really appreciate your help,
Dee

NAME BADGES

If you are a newer member who doesn't have a name badge or if you have lost yours, we had them made at Steve's Trophies next door to Stefano's restaurant, so you could order both a shirt and a name badge in the same trip. Steve Davidson, owner, has our logo on file. Last time he charged about \$5 each.

CALENDAR

June 2-- No board meeting
June 9-- 6:00 p.m. monthly meeting and
installation of officers. Mt.
Pleasant
June 18—8:15 a.m. breakfast for
survivors at American Cancer
Society Relay for Life
July 14—6:00 p.m. Membership Event
at Willis farm
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JUNE INSPIRATION & RAFFLE

Ann Munafo

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

23 Jo Ashworth
24 Sue Willis
27 Judy Spaulding

JUNE CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Denise Brown—2013
Gayle Martz—2015
Mary Maurer--1958

JULY CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Ginger Bruggeman—1997
Elaine Garver—2012
Pam Linzie—2010 (second time)
Ann Munafo--1993

JUNE PROGRAM

The following officers will be installed by
District II Director Bev Bahr at our June
meeting.

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AUGUST 2016

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

I am hoping to start September with a lot of enthusiasm. Our membership meeting will be fun and a good way to "kick off the year". Please let us know if you are attending and if you are bringing a guest or two. Also remember the Brown's Run "Fashion With a Flair" on Oct. 29th.

President Judy

DISTRICT MEETING

This October's District Meeting will be held at Deer Creek State Park Lodge in Mt. Sterling, Ohio, on October 14 & 15. It's only about 1½ hours away, and there's an outlet mall on the way. You won't find a District Meeting any closer, so this will be the perfect opportunity for you to attend and do a little shopping on the way up or back. You'll gain a better understanding of Soroptimist by meeting and interacting with members of other clubs in our District. Let's support Barb with her first District Meeting as District Director and have a good turnout! August 30 was the deadline for room reservations, but you still might be able to reserve a room. It will be a pretty time of year at Deer Creek with the fall foliage.

MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Our membership event was rescheduled until September 8 since the July date was a busy one for many. Then the location was changed because of the fire where we have been meeting at Mt. Pleasant. So we'll hope third time's a charm. Invite some ladies you think would make good members. Think outside the box. Surely you know some ladies who are new to town or opening new businesses and would like to network, who are recent empty-nesters or whose children are now in school, who are recently retired and looking for something to fill their time, maybe former members whose children are now grown and who have more time. Maybe you know some mutual friends who might be inclined to join as a group since they already have formed a social group. Please make your best effort to support this event. Think how much our club could grow even if every member only thought of one other person. We'll need a headcount to plan food and activities. Give names to Pam who is handling the reservations.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

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We plan to send invitations to make it a little more special. This is an easy way to invite new women and expand our guest list. . What a great way to spread the word about our organization and the wonderful work Soroptimists do. Let Dee know how many invitations you want, and they will be included with your envelope of information, ad form, and regular raffle tickets that will be distributed at the September meeting. Sue will be sharing Paolo raffle tickets. Paolo is willing to do two raffle items this year. Remember, this is an opportunity to ask our Soroptimists and ladies who don't usually attend as well as our usual attendees. Think of your friends who enjoy jewelry and also dinner and an evening out.

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Dee & Barb

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SUNSHINE

If you have any items for the scrapbook or photos taken at last year's meetings or events, please give them to Pat.

CALENDAR

September 1—Board Meeting at Judy's

September 8—Membership meeting at Judy's

September 14—registration deadline for District Meeting

October 14-15 —District Meeting at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, OH

October 29—Fall Fundraiser at Brown's Run Country Club. Fashions by Kay's Shoppe.

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SEPTEMBER INSPIRATION

Kelley

SEPTEMBER RAFFLE

Judy S.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

22—Judi Kuntz

SEPTEMBER CLUB ANNIVERSARIES

Jo —1988

Barb —1988

Judy S—1988

Sue --1995

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OCTOBER 2016

PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

The September meeting & membership drive was excellent. We had six possible members plus Midwest Gov. Vivian. A good job was done by all Soroptimists present. I hope we keep the momentum going for this coming year. Our next project is the style show, Oct. 29th. I hope everyone is busy selling luncheon tickets and raffle tickets. It takes everyone to be successful. I will see you at the next meeting, Oct. 13th at Mt. Pleasant's activity building.

President Judy

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Remember to remove labels and wash 15-20 ounce cans to be used for our centerpieces. Bring them to the meeting to give to Magda.

If you have your raffle item ready, bring it to the meeting. Be sure to list the contents on an attached card. Bring your prepaid reservations, names of your guests, raffle money, ad money, money for your Paolo raffle tickets, etc. to our October meeting. **Please, separate checks for each** to ease our accounting and to help our new treasurer.

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CALENDAR

- October 6—7:00 board meeting at President Judy's house, drinks & munchies provided
- October 8—Middletown club's 61st anniversary
- October 13—club meeting at Mt. Pleasant Activity Building. Gather at 6:00 to socialize; eat at 6:30
- October 14-15 —District Meeting at Deer Creek State Park in Mt. Sterling, OH
- October 19—club meeting with Tipp City and Dayton for anyone who might want to attend.
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OCTOBER INSPIRATION

Gayle

OCTOBER RAFFLE

Kelley

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

October 14--Pat Lewis

OCTOBER SPEAKER

Our October speaker will be Dorothy McIntosh Shuemaker, whose 18-year-old daughter Alison died of a heroin overdose in August 2015. The heroin overdose was listed in the obituary in order to try to keep others from trying the drug. Heroin is an epidemic in Butler County.

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PRESIDENT JUDY'S MESSAGE

Once again we had a successful luncheon and style show. We should have some numbers available at the Nov. meeting on the 10th. The District Meeting at Deer Creek State Park was good and Pam, Betty, Barb and I brought back some ideas to share. It is hard to believe that our Christmas Party at Sue's is coming soon and our hospitality committee will tell us what our fun theme this year will be.

President Judy

NOVEMBER SPEAKER

Ann Marie Babb will be our November speaker. She is a survivor of ritual abuse and human trafficking. She is presently executive director of Springhaven Home which will be a stage 2-3 reintegration home for women who have been rescued from trafficking. They will start rehabbing the home in June.



FUNDRAISING REPORT

Thank you to all who made our luncheon/fashion show a success! It takes many hands: all the members who sold luncheon tickets and invited guests, those who sold ads, those who sold raffle tickets and Paolo tickets, those who donated raffle baskets, Barb who updated the program booklet, Suzy who made the draft, Judy and the Beast for printing, Sue who coordinated the models and Kay's Shoppe, Magda who made the centerpieces, Jo who arranged the raffle baskets, those who worked the set-up on Friday, Dee and Barb for working with Brown's Run, and

Dee for following up on all the details when Barb was under the weather. THANK YOU, ALL!

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DISTRICT MEETING

Judy, Betty, Pam, and Barb attended District Meeting at Deer Creek State Park. The fall foliage was beautiful. There was a good turnout, about 70 ladies, and much information was shared. Friday night's icebreaker was "It Takes a Crew to Build a Boat" following our memberSHIP theme. Teams were in a competition to use art supplies and corrugated boxes to create boats. Some very creative "boats" were made, and a good time was had by all. During the weekend, those in attendance heard reports on Program Focus Reports, Membership, Programs, Public Awareness, Fundraising, and United Nations. Of course, there was the traditional basket raffle as well as a purse and quilt raffle and Bag Lady sales. The meeting ended with everyone forming a large circle and holding hands as the Soroptimist Pledge was said. The next gathering will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky, Ohio, on April 21-23.

NOVEMBER INSPIRATION

Gayle

NOVEMBER RAFFLE

Gayle

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nov. 14	Gayle Martz
Nov. 20	Kelley Spaulding

CALENDAR

November 3—7:00--Board Meeting at
Judy's
November 5/6—clocks fall back
November 8—Election Day
November 10—Business meeting at
Activity Building. Socialize at
6:00; eat at 6:30.
November 15—Live Your Dream
applications due to club
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December always brings a very busy month and I hope that you are ready to begin it at Sue's annual Christmas party on Dec. 8th. Get your Christmas sweaters ready and prepare to have a super time. Also remember your \$20 exchange gift. Board members are doing appetizers to help Sue out and I'm sure that Rick will have a wonderful meal planned for us.

President Judy

DECEMBER MEETING

Wear your holiday sweaters. Three prizes will be given for the most Glitzy, Glammy, and Gawdy sweaters. Bring a wrapped gift to be chosen or stolen as the night goes on. There is a \$20 limit on this gift. Dinner by Chef Rick will again be \$20, and the board will provide hors d'oeuvres. Please arrive at 6:00. Directions to Sue's home will be e-mailed.



DIMES FOR DREAMS BOTTLES

Everyone received an empty water or pop bottle at both district meetings for their dimes. This is something new the region is trying in order to get all clubs in our region to participate. Members can fill up the bottles from now until **MARCH 1, 2017**, at which time all dimes collected by each club should be cashed in and a check or money order sent in to SIA HQ and earmarked "FOR CLUB GIVING FROM NAME OF YOUR CLUB" so that your club gets credit for the club giving. **We moved the deadline up to MARCH 1, 2017, so that all clubs who donate to club giving and sent their monies in may receive credit on the Governor's Award form.** When your club makes this contribution, be sure to let HQ know that this is for the 10% giving and check the box on the form. Remember to bring your dimes to our meetings.

DECEMBER INSPIRATION

Sue

DECEMBER RAFFLE

none

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

28 Dee

30 Denise

SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS

Do you know a woman attending college who could use some extra money for her schooling? Interested women can find writeable applications for Virginia Wagner Award and our Miami Regional scholarship on our website www.middletownsoroptimist.org. This is an easy way for them to get an application. Every year we struggle to find deserving applicants, so please share this information freely.

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The board voted to have a monthly collection of other useful items. We will begin bringing these items in January.

DISTRICT MEETINGS 2017

Our District Meeting October 2017 will be held in Lima, Ohio, at the Holiday Inn and Suites. District Meeting for I & III will be held in Chesterton, Indiana, the home of Free the Girls. Soroptimists in Midwestern Region will be collecting new and gently used bras to be donated during the District Meetings. It's never too early to start your collection.

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CALENDAR

December 1—no board meeting

December 8—6:00 Holiday Party at Sue's

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